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[LSS: in Luang Prabang] "It is the Chinese who import and sell the goods from Siam or the Western Shan States, there being four traders in European articles. One of these is a French protégé, who tells me that he has brought his stock of goods from Bangkok by Pitchaï. When he goes down, he takes with him from Luang Prabang ivory, for which he pays about 5s. a pound, and benzoin which costs him about a rupee per lb. Last year, the price of these articles was very nearly double, and the trader tells me that a pair of fine stag's horns is worth about thirty rupees, a smaller pair fetching a third of that price. He adds that business is very bad, and that it is as much as he can do to make both ends meet."